

# 100 Most Ridiculous Job Interview Questions Ever



Have you ever sat in an interview and wondered why somebody was asking you a slightly left field question? Although you probably don't realise it, there may well be a good reason why you are being asked something that seems completely irrelevant at the time.

**Two tips for spotting trick interview questions** Job interviews.

All too often some questions can feel like an exercise in catching you out. Fortunately it is possible to prepare so that you're ready to respond and give as positive a response as you can to those trick interview questions. Here's how to spot them:

1. **If it involves imagining yourself as something (e.g. What biscuit would you be if you were a biscuit?)** – These questions may sound daft, but they are aimed at learning something about how you see yourself. So instead of giving the temptingly easy silly answer (*"Squashed fly (Garibaldi) biscuit because I feel downtrodden most of the time"*) focus on something that will communicate a positive message about you.
2. **If it's weird and out there and leaves you feeling a bit confused (e.g Yellow is over here. Blue is over there. Where are you?)** – At first you'll be waiting for the punchline, but many of these questions are about seeing how you are at blue sky thinking or at responding to more obscure topics. The best thing to do is to respond in character with the question and take it seriously, again whilst aiming to give a good flavour of your character.

With these in mind, we have put together the top 100 most ridiculous job interview questions ever asked (genuine examples).

**The first 50 are below and the 2nd 50 are downloadable using the form below. Enjoy.**

1. If you could be Batman or Robin, which one would you be?
2. What football team do you Support? – Why them?
3. Do you prefer cats or dogs?

4. Why on earth are you here today?
5. What was the most traumatic experience to happen in your personal life?
6. Sing a song that best describes you.
7. When you go on holiday, when do you pack your case?
8. What would I find in your fridge right now?
9. How would you explain a database in three sentences to your eight year old nephew?
10. If aliens landed in front of you and, in exchange for anything you desire, offered you any position on their planet what would you want?
11. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, whom would you like to see play the lead role as you?
12. If someone wrote a biography about you, what do you think the title should be?
13. If I assembled three of your format supervisors in a room and asked them about you, what would they say about you that you would say is not true?
14. How would you design a spice rack for a blind person?
15. If you were a character from Star Wars, which one would you be?
16. Sell me this glass of water.
17. What has been your most bizarre life experience?
18. Why are manhole covers round?
19. What do you think would be a fitting epitaph on your gravestone?
20. What's the most interesting holiday you've ever had?
21. What would you choose as your last meal?

22. How would you define your personal work-life balance in terms of ratio (50/50 70/30 etc)?
23. Given the numbers 1 to 1,000, what is the minimum number of guesses needed to find a specific number, if you are given the hint 'higher' or 'lower' for each guess you make?
24. Using a scale of 1 to 10, rate yourself on how weird you are.
25. Explain quantum electrodynamics in two minutes, starting now.
26. How many balloons would fit in this room?
27. If you were shrunk to the size of a pencil and put in a blender, how would you get out?
28. You have a bouquet of flowers. All but two are roses, all but two are daisies, and all but two are tulips. How many flowers do you have?
29. What is the philosophy of martial arts?
30. Explain to me what has happened in this country during the last 10 years
31. If you could be any superhero, which one would you be?
32. How do you weigh an elephant without using a scale?
33. If you had 5,623 participants in a tournament, how many games would need to be played to determine the winner?
34. How many bricks are there in Shanghai? Consider only residential buildings.
35. You have five bottles of pills. One bottle has 9 gram pills; the others have 10 gram pills. You have a scale that can be used only once. How can you find out which bottle contains the 9 gram pills?
36. How would you market table tennis balls if table tennis itself became obsolete? List many ways, then pick one and go into detail.

37. How many Smartphones are there in London?

38. You are in charge of 20 people. Organize them to figure out how many bicycles were sold in your area last year.

39. Why do you think only a small percentage of the population makes over £125,000 a year?

40. You have three boxes. One contains only apples, one contains only oranges, and one contains both apples and oranges. The boxes have been incorrectly labeled so that no label accurately identifies the contents of any of the boxes. Opening just one box, and without looking inside, you take out one piece of fruit. By looking at the fruit, how can you immediately label all of the boxes correctly?

41. How many ball bearings, each one inch in diameter, can fit inside a 747 aircraft?

42. You need to check that your friend, James, has your correct phone number but you cannot ask him directly. You must write the question on a card which and give it to Heidi who will take the card to James and return the answer to you. What must you write on the card, besides the question, to ensure James can encode the message so that Heidi cannot read your phone number?

43. If you were given a free full-page ad in the newspaper and had to sell yourself in six words or less, how would the ad read?

44. How do you feel about affirmative action?

45. You are given 2 eggs, you have access to a 100-story building. Eggs can be very hard or very fragile which means they may break if dropped from the first floor or may not even break if dropped from the 100th floor. Both eggs are identical. You need to figure out the highest floor of a 100-story building an egg can be dropped without breaking. The question is how many drops you need to make. You are allowed to break 2 eggs in the process.

46. Are you a cat person?

47. If you were a salad, what kind of dressing would you have?

48. How do I rate as an interviewer?
49. If you were a bicycle, what part would you be?
50. What is your favourite flavour of ice cream?